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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A UNIFORM SEXUALITY
HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, sexuality health education promotes healthy
2 attitudes on adolescent growth and development, body image,
3 gender and sexuality, dating, relationships, and family; and
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5 WHEREAS, sexuality health education should positively
6 affect adolescent behavior and provide teens with information,
7 skills, and support they need to develop positive values, make
8 healthy decisions, and respect the important role that sexuality
9 plays throughout a person's life; and
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11 WHEREAS, section 321-11.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
12 requires state-funded sexuality health education to be medically
13 accurate and age appropriate and include education on
14 abstinence, contraception, and methods of disease and pregnancy
15 prevention; and
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17 WHEREAS, it is important that sexuality health education is
18 taught in a uniform manner across the State's public schools;
19 now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,
23 that the Board of Education is requested to develop a uniform
24 sexuality health education program for all public schools that
25 meets the requirements of section 321-11.1, Hawaii Revised
26 Statutes; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education is
29 requested to:
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- 31 (1) Consider the feasibility and appropriateness of
32 mandating sexuality health education during the
33 intermediate and middle school years;
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- (2) Consider including social-emotional issues relating to sexuality as part of the Department of Education's sexuality health education program;
- (3) Consider establishing minimum training standards for sexuality health education teachers;
- (4) Consider making sexuality health education curricula available for review; and
- (5) Ensure there is effective monitoring and oversight of the sexuality health program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, and Director of Health.

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